



**RESOLUTION
2022-017**

A Resolution Recognizing Juneteenth

WHEREAS, Juneteenth has been celebrated on June 19th, since June 19th, 1865; after Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, to announce General Order number three, which announced the end of the Civil War and the end of slavery; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is an annual commemoration of the end of slavery in the United States after the Civil War, celebrated on June 19th of each year; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth has become a symbolic holiday representing African American freedom and resiliency in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on June 18th, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., proclaimed June 19th as Juneteenth Day of Observance; and

WHEREAS, on June 18th, 2020, Delaware Governor John C. Carney recognized June 19th as Juneteenth and on , October 27th, 2021 , Delaware Governor John C. Carney signed House Bill 119 to declare June 19th as an official state holiday, in commemoration of Juneteenth and the emancipation of the last enslaved African Americans in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Townsend, originally called Charley Town, after founder Charles Lloyd, was originally inhabited by a community of free African Americans who laid the foundation for Townsend to grow into the Town it is today; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Townsend strives for inclusion, diversity, and equity in all it does to serve the community, as committed to in Resolution 2020-010;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TOWNSEND, DELAWARE ON JULY 6TH, 2022, hereby declares June 19th of each year, as an official holiday to commemorate and celebrate Juneteenth,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Juneteenth shall be recognized as an official holiday each year in the Town of Townsend to celebrate the ending of slavery in the United States and to celebrate African American freedom and resiliency and encourage the residents of the Town of Townsend to observe each subsequent Juneteenth holiday.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Town of Townsend employees should have the opportunity to celebrate the holiday of Juneteenth and reflect on the meaning of Juneteenth, therefore declaring Juneteenth an official holiday in the Town of Townsend.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Juneteenth Flag should be flown at Town Hall on each Juneteenth holiday.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Townsend to be affixed this 6th day of July 2022.

Passed and Approved This 6th day of July 2022.

TOWN OF TOWNSEND

Scott Lobdell, Mayor

Vote of Council	Yea	Na	Abs
Mayor Lobdell	-	-	-
CM E. Dugan			
CM J. Mertz			
CW E. Clarke			
CW S. Rojas			

ATTEST:

Antonina M. Tantillo

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